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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject of Request: RFK Assassination

FOIPA No. 255,315 /190-

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Dear Professor Melanson:

Enclosed are copies of documents from FBI records. Excisions have been made to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 and/or Section 552a. In addition, where excisions were made, the appropriate exempting subsections have been cited opposite the deletions. Where pages have been withheld in their entirety, a deleted page information sheet has been substituted showing the reason or basis for the deletion. The subsections cited for withholding information from the enclosed documents are marked below.

Section 552

Section 552a

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(See Form 4-694a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, 8145 pages(s) were reviewed and 2909 page(s) are being released.

During the review of material pertinent to the subject of your request, documents were located which

- originated with another Government agency(ies).
These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.
- contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

In certain instances, information collected in our field office files is not forwarded to FBI Headquarters. These instances include cases in which the perpetrators of the violations were not identified; cases in which the United States Attorney declined prosecution; and cases in which the allegations were unsubstantiated or not within the jurisdiction of the FBI. If you believe records of interest to you are located in the files of an FBI field office and were not reported to Headquarters, you must write directly to that field office for those materials.

If you know of any other matter in which information concerning you or the subject of your request may have been recorded by the FBI, and can identify the matter in sufficient detail, including the approximate time frame and location, a further search will be made.

It is the policy of this Bureau that in responding to an FOIPA request, or a series of related requests, wherein the documents to be released total less than 250 pages, no duplication fee is levied. Therefore, the enclosed documents are being forwarded to you at no charge.

If you desire, you may appeal any denials contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy (Attention: Office of Information and Privacy), United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530, within thirty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

See additional information on continuation page.

Sincerely yours,

James K. Hall

Chief
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Privacy Acts Section
Records Management Division

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Enclosures (12)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods
- (b) (2) materials related solely to the internal rules and practices of the FBI
- (b) (3) information specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (see continuation page)
- (b) (4) privileged or confidential information obtained from a person, usually involving commercial or financial matters
- (b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency documents which are not available through discovery proceedings during litigation; documents, the disclosure of which would have an inhibitive effect upon the development of policy and administrative direction; or documents which represent the work product of an attorney-client relationship
- (b) (6) materials contained in sensitive records such as personnel or medical files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (b) (7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would: (A) interfere with law enforcement proceedings; (B) deprive a person of the right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, or give one party of a controversy an undue advantage by exclusive access to such information; (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person; (D) reveal the identity of a confidential source or reveal confidential information furnished only by the confidential source; (E) disclose investigative techniques and procedures, thereby impairing their future effectiveness; and (F) endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel
- (b) (8) information collected by Government regulatory agencies from financial institutions
- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information, including maps, produced by private companies and filed by them with Government agencies.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d) (5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals, except records of arrest
- (k) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods
- (k) (2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056
- (k) (4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process
- (k) (7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence.

Professor Phil Melanson

Reference is made to my letter dated September 3, 1985. The page count of 698 for press releases should have been 302 pages. However, the total page count of 2799 was correct.

In addition to the 2799 pages, we have included an additional 110 pages. The duplication fee of \$3.64 (92 new pages and 18 previously released pages) will be added to the next duplication fee letter.

Although it is difficult to state how long our processing will take, we intend to process the material in the following order:

- Small & Miscellaneous Volumes
- LA Reports
- LA Main File
- LA Teletypes
- FBIHQ Main File
- LA 302's

Any document containing information to be referred to another agency or requiring review for classification will be set aside and worked on last in order to expedite the review of the bulk of the material.

A check mark in the lower right corner of a released page indicates that page was previously released and that no additional substantive information has been released.

Finally, these files are not subject to any file destruction program. The LA files contain "Do Not Destroy, Historic Value" instructions on their jackets. All pages will be reviewed and accounted for in our release to you.

(JAMES K. HALL)